



Saved by the Safety Belt
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Please Type or Print)

Nominee Information

Name: _____ Phone: () _____ (home) () _____ (work/other)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Crash Information

Date of Crash: _____ Location (Name of City or County): _____

Nominating Agency: _____ Contact (Name and Phone) _____

Describe how occupant restraint system (safety belt or child restraint) eliminated or reduced injury or fatality to nominee: _____

Has nominee agreed to allow the use of information surrounding this incident, including but not limited to; names, addresses and photographs to be used in any media coverage? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, have nominee (or legal guardian if a minor) sign: _____ Print Name: _____

Would nominee be willing to participate in a formal presentation and/or media event? _____ Yes _____ No

Mail application (and copy
of the Illinois Traffic Crash Report
including diagram & narrative)

to: Michael G. Witter
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Do You Have a Nominee for the Illinois "SAVED BY THE SAFETY BELT CLUB"?

Traffic safety advocates throughout the state are working to increase awareness of the lifesaving value of safety belts by publicly recognizing individuals who survived traffic crashes because they were buckled up. The qualifications for membership in this unique club are primarily for safety belt survivors, however, children in properly secured child restraint systems will also be considered. Applications (see attached form) will be reviewed by a committee made up of members of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Traffic Committee, the Illinois State Police (ISP) and various local law enforcement agencies. Eligibility will be determined after review of the standard Illinois Traffic Crash Report, a copy of which must be included with the application or the application will not be considered. The decisions of the committee are final. Photographs of the crashes are recommended but not required. Unfortunately, nominating information cannot be returned to the submitting agency.

We are asking for your help locating incidents that would qualify for recognition. Let us know if you are aware of a vehicular crash that has occurred since January 1, 2003 and you believe that the driver and/or passengers were spared serious injury or death because of the use of safety belts. Nominating agencies are encouraged to recognize nominees in their jurisdiction in addition to forwarding the information to the committee for consideration. In the case of fatal crashes in which one or more restrained vehicle occupants survived, local recognition may be given but not publicized, out of respect for the families of those who died.

Regardless of the circumstances surrounding a crash, a person is more likely to survive when belted. Local discretion can be used to determine whether those persons responsible for the crash are eligible. Candidates will not be considered if they have committed a serious offense listed in the 2400 series of the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting offense codes.

New members will receive "Saved by the Safety Belt Club" certificates and/or other forms of recognition as deemed appropriate by the committee. These items will be forwarded to the nominating agency for presentation. All certificates and awards are obtained with federal highway safety funds provided to the Illinois Department of Transportation – Division of Traffic Safety by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For further information contact: Mike Witter, NHTSA Region V, (708) 503-8892 ext.15

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